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THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION— FACT OR FICTION

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I have chosen this topic because I believe it is very appropriate that we give some extended study to our Association at this particular time for several reasons. First, we have now traveled along several of the postwar years and have gradually begun to re-adjust ourselves to what might be called more normal activities. Second, the Association is facing a serious financial problem caused by the increased cost of living which has been reflected in increased costs all along the line and offset by no corresponding increase in income. Third, the past year has seen a major change in the leadership of the American Library Association with the resignation of Carl H. Milam, an interim Executive Secretary, Mr. Harold Brigham, and a new Executive Secretary, Mr. John Mackenzie Cory. Fourth, the Fourth Activities Committee has completed its survey of the affairs of the Association and rendered a report which contains many far-reaching changes and recommendations.

I should like to repeat several statements, commonly or occasionally, made about A. L. A., try to classify them as either fact or fiction, and try to explain my reasons for doing so.

The first statement, boldly put, is this: The American Library Association has been badly mis-managed, administratively and financially. Is this fact or fiction?

I think it is largely fiction. In recent years, the Association has handled annual sums of close to one million dollars. For nearly 75 years it has been faced with serious and important demands for funds from its board, committees, divisions, and other groups. As income from which these demands must be met, the Association has some endowment funds

which have brought in a fairly stable income of about \$70,000 a year but it has had to depend primarily upon membership dues as its major source of revenue. This, of course, fluctuates, and an estimate is bound to be inexact. I think, therefore, it is a tribute to the management of A. L. A. affairs that its present total deficit (exclusive of publishing and cumulative from 1879 to 1948) is only \$39,000. This, in spite of expenditures during 1947-48 of over \$800,000. Considering the difficulties and compared with other institutions, I think this is pretty good financial management.

As to the administration of A. L. A.'s Headquarters affairs, that too, I think, is related to the financial problem. Given a budget which cannot provide additional help when duties become greater and demands on staff time are pressing, it is only natural that some things will inevitably have to be neglected and others done without the care that they should be given. I think we, as an Association, have placed an impossible burden on Headquarters staff. We have expected them to do everything we ask—and to do it by return mail. We have not been able to find the funds to give the professional staff members adequate secretarial assistance. We have expected the Executive Secretary and the department heads to be our leaders in long term planning and over-all policy matters and yet have given them inadequate assistance. The obvious answer I am sure many of you would give would be, stop trying to do some things and do others well. Before intelligent decisions can be made as to how the Association can be run smoothly and efficiently, we must decide what we want A. L. A. to do and what we are willing for it not to do.

*Abridged from a paper given at L. L. A. Conference, April 4, 1949.

This leads me to a second statement commonly made to me by librarians: the Association has not done enough for the individual librarian. Its activities have been too largely directed at high policy matters rather than the welfare of local libraries and librarians.

I think there is considerable truth in this statement and the reason why it is true is this: A high proportion of the interest, attention, and effort of the Association during the past few years has been directed to three major objectives. These are: 1. Bringing the library profession and the American Library Association into working relationship with various educational and cultural organizations; 2. the promotion of intellectual freedom by association with other groups and by detailed statements and activities along the lines of preventing censorship of books; 3. promotion of international cultural relations and affairs through the State Department program, UNESCO, and various other agencies.

All of these things have been done with the clear realization that they do not directly touch and affect the local librarian as much as other activities might, but in the long run they are significant and important activities in the furtherance of librarianship's major goals.

Let me introduce another aspect of this problem. With its membership of over 18,000, A. L. A. has numerous boards, committees, divisions, and other groups. These groups need the help of Headquarters staff in organizing their programs, holding meetings, drawing together materials, reports, etc. This so-called paper work is essential to the effective functioning of the Association. It, however, affects probably no more than 400 or 500 A. L. A. members directly.

Still another complication is the tremendous correspondence which comes to headquarters from librar-

ians wanting advice, trustees wanting suggestions, community groups wanting to know how to organize a library, etc. etc. These and other communications require time and thought and do not result in direct service to a large group numerically.

With all of these reservations in mind, should the American Library Association sharply curtail its activities which are broad and intangible and affect only a limited number of members? Should it instead, inaugurate services that every member will recognize as important, individual, and personal?

To me, the answer is clear. There must be a reasonable compromise. We must not neglect either the broad objectives or the attention to individual committee and group requests. On the other hand, we probably should give more time and effort and thought to providing services which will make members of the Association feel that their membership dollars are being well spent.

The third statement, made very baldly, is as follows: A. L. A. is run by a small select group of "top brass" with little regard for the wishes of the membership. Such comments may arise when a nominating committee presents a name or names that some members do not support enthusiastically. Such comments may be heard when such a service as the placement service is severely reduced, or they may be heard in connection with a number of Association activities. I think this statement is entirely fiction.

First, if you're interested in personal testimony—I have been a member of the Executive Board for four years and prior to that I was fairly closely associated with the affairs of the Association through membership on the Third Activities Committee and the Constitution Committee. In all of my experience, I have never found a single instance in which any group

or clique wanted to run the Association or control any individual matter.

Now, let's look at a few specific things. Don't we "hand pick" our officers by a small, select, Nominating Committee

First, let me say that every effort is made to have the Nominating Committee representative. The Committee whose report has just been made was composed of members from the East, the Middle West, the South, and the Far West. It was representative of public libraries, college and university libraries, school libraries, and library schools. It made a determined and vigorous effort to get suggestions and counsel from members.

Let me cite the second example that has been most frequently quoted to me as evidence that A. L. A. is not concerned about the wishes of the membership, i.e. the dropping of the placement service. I have heard many people say that the placement service provided direct benefits to small libraries and individual librarians and that the large libraries don't need it. I have tried to point out to such people that probably the heaviest demands made on A. L. A. placement service were from large libraries and I have felt for many years that placement was a service that benefitted a relatively small number of people at the expense of a large portion of every member's dollar. In any one year, the active placement file contained somewhat less than one thousand names and yet every member was contributing several cents to this service.

Let me cite one other service which is designed for all the membership—the *A.L.A. Bulletin*. The miracle to me is that there has been as little dissatisfaction as I have ever heard expressed. Just look at the job the *Bulletin* has to do. It has to be useful to library school people, administrators of libraries, assistants in large libraries, and assistants in such small libraries. I think the Association should strive constantly to make its

Bulletin of more use and service to all the members and you can be sure that it is and has been trying to do so for many years. However, I hope we will recognize that it cannot be all things to all librarians.

My fourth statement is this: The Association does not give the individual librarian enough opportunity to participate in the work of its boards and committees. As a result, librarians do not feel very close to A. L. A. and its regular activities.

I think there is a great deal of fact in this and without trying to soften the indictment, let me bring you a picture of the tremendous problem involved. The Association has fewer than a hundred committees. The total membership of these is perhaps in the neighborhood of 500 or 600. Committees must have some continuity, so we cut the figure in half and there are approximately 250 to 300 vacancies available each year. How to apportion those most wisely among the 18,000 members is a difficult problem. The obvious tendency is to appoint those people who, by experience, are known to make contributions and to participate fully in the work of their committees. Most Presidents-elect have earnestly solicited suggestions from the membership as to new persons for committee appointments. Note Mr. Lord's appeal in the current *A. L. A. Bulletin*. My guess is that he will probably get about two dozen replies, and it is often a problem to find out how well qualified these people suggested are for a particular committee. This remoteness of the individual member from committee appointments is a necessary concomitant of size. We can try to minimize it, but we cannot avoid it.

My fifth proposition is this: A. L. A. Headquarters is greatly overstaffed. Is this fact or fiction? I think it is fiction; in my humble judgment, Headquarters is badly understaffed, particularly at the secretarial and

clerical levels.

This view is at some variance to the report of the Fourth Activities Committee. You will remember that in Part I of that report, the Committee recommends considerable reduction in the clerical and stenographic help at Headquarters, and resulting pools of secretarial assistance. What is the correct picture? There are two sides to this question. During the past year, faced with the problem of absorbing the \$38,000 deficit, many positions have not been filled and the work has been taken over by remaining personnel with the result that there have been delays and postponements of many things that should have been done promptly. There have been heavier demands upon the professional staff for carrying on clerical and routine operations. Field work has had to be curtailed.

Under John Mackenzie Cory, Headquarters staff has done a splendid job of reducing expenditures to stay within anticipated income. I would like to point out, however, that further substantial savings can come only as a result of reducing activities which members now expect of Headquarters staff. I think we are very close to the point of absolute minimum of staff to carry on the Association's functions adequately. If we want additional service from Headquarters, we must either find additional funds or cut out something we are now doing.

This leads to my sixth proposition: A. L. A.'s financial condition is serious. This is *fact*. The Association, in my judgment, faces the most serious financial problem it has faced in many years. Over the past few years expenditures have increased far out of proportion to the slight increase in income from added membership. This has been largely due to increased salary costs, but also to increased costs of additional endowment funds as a gift. Last year in order to stay within an-

anticipated funds, the Association had to discontinue the placement service and to make other drastic economies. If the Association gives no more services than it has been doing, it must find from \$20,000 to \$30,000 of additional income. This assumes that the drastic cuts which have been made this year can be absorbed without seriously handicapping our affairs.

There are not many ways of increasing A. L. A.'s funds. First, additional endowment funds as a gift. Second, A. L. A. can sell more of its services. Third, A. L. A. can increase membership substantially. This is problematical, but we should be able to obtain more than 18,000 members out of a possible 40,000. Fourth, we could increase membership dues. Fifth, we could utilize endowment funds for various projects or even for current expense. All of these present problems.

I should like for members of the Association to have the issues clearly before them. They are these: What do we want A. L. A. to be and to do? How shall we accomplish these objectives? We want the Association to be of more and more individual service to members. That can easily be done but other things will have to suffer. If we want the A. L. A. to concentrate on broad objectives and principles for librarianship, then services to individual members must suffer. We cannot do both with our present income. If we want A. L. A. to do both, we must be willing to pay the bill ourselves, for the chief source of A. L. A.'s income is the membership itself.

I hope that in these years approaching the 75th anniversary celebration in 1950-51, we will give serious thought and study to this problem. Let's courageously and seriously determine the goals and program of our Association and then do all that we can to make it possible to achieve those goals.

RECRUITING IN LOUISIANA

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I think it is very fitting that Miss Hefley has been asked to preside at our first general session which is devoted to "Recruiting," because it was Miss Hefley who had the vision to recognize the great need for librarians which existed at the time she was President, and exists to an even greater extent at the present time. It was while she served as President of the Association that our recruiting program was actually inaugurated. We are fortunate that our immediate past President, Mr. Jacobs, and our present President, Mr. Watson, also recognized the importance of a recruiting program and continued to give it a prominent place among the activities of the Association.

Actually, a Recruiting Committee was not appointed until September of 1948, so that I can say without seeming boastful that the Association can be justly proud of the efforts we have made in attracting young people to our profession. As probably all of you know, the Association received the second place in the Quarrie Awards for recruiting activities in 1948. Those same awards will be made in 1949 under the title Field Citations, and our goal is to receive first prize. That, I should say is our secondary goal, because though we can use the \$300 that it would bring, our primary aim is to interest young men and women in becoming librarians.

I should like to make my talk this afternoon in the way of an informal report of the activities and projects of the Recruiting Committee—the things we have done to date, the projects we plan for the future, and most important of all, just how

each of you fits into the program. Recruiting is an individual responsibility. A recruiting committee can only lead the way and coordinate the activities of the entire membership. It is the personal contact of the librarian with the individual prospect that really counts.

Before going any further, I would like to introduce the members of my Committee: Sue Hefley, Norris McClellan, Hilda Fuller, Kay Werner, Leonard Oppenheim, Mrs. Ernest Gueymard.

The first effort of the Louisiana Library Association directed at recruiting took the form of a folder entitled **BE A LIBRARIAN** which all of you will remember. That was printed in March, 1947, and distributed by the Louisiana State Library. At the time that the Recruiting Committee was appointed in September, 1948, the supply was completely exhausted. One of the first projects was to revise the folder and have it reprinted. We were delayed far longer than we had anticipated. In fact, we have just recently completed the revision. The contents are similar to the material used in the first folder. The main difference is in the form. We would like very much to receive your comments and reactions to the folder as you use it with young people, so that if the folder has to be revised again, we will have some suggestions to guide us.

The picture was taken by Mrs. Everett Magee of the State Library Staff, who also took the picture used in our first folder. Our search for an attractive librarian to pose for our picture was a short one, for we had to go only as far as the East Baton Rouge Parish Library before finding

*Paper given at L. L. A. Conference, April 2, 1949.

Eleanor Conrad.

One observation which I made from studying the requests for the first folder is that most of them came from outside the state of Louisiana. Now we are very pleased to supply people all over the U. S. and the world, for that matter, because some of our requests came from foreign countries, with our folder. However, it is first of all for use in the state. We want it to be in every library, in every vocational guidance file in the state. We want it to get into the hands of all the young people who are interested in library work. We want it to get into the hands of teachers, counselors, parents, and any other person who might be in a position to advise young people. We want to use it to the fullest extent within the state of Louisiana.

The new folder will be distributed by the Library School at the Louisiana State University. In quantities of less than ten copies, the cost will be five cents each, and more than ten copies—two cents each.

Another publication of the Association in which you will all be interested is being printed at this time. Though the publication was not handled by the Recruiting Committee it is definitely a recruiting tool and will fill a very important place in our program. In 1947-48 when Miss Mildred Harrington was President of the Baton Rouge Library Club, the club project was the presentation of a series of radio programs on library work over radio station WLSU. Each program was on a different type of library work and the script was prepared by a group of representatives of the field.

The Baton Rouge Library Club was anxious to have these scripts published, and since they were unable to undertake the project, they offered the material to the Association. The Executive Board accepted the offer and the president appointed a special

committee to edit the scripts and have them published. That committee was composed of Mrs. Charles Morton, as Chairman, Sue Hefley, Mrs. Max Schenker, Lillian Kennedy, and Mildred Harrington. Mrs. Morton asked me to report that the pamphlet will be ready very soon. The committee had hoped that it would be ready for the meeting, but this was impossible. It will be a 6" x 9" pamphlet with an illustrated cover, appropriately entitled, **EXPLORING LIBRARIANSHIP**. There are six scripts, a general introduction to library work, and one each on public, college and university, school, and special library work, and the final one is **A day in the library**.

Copies of the pamphlet will be distributed by the LSU Library School assisted by the Baton Rouge Library Club. The price will be twenty-five cents for a single copy or five copies for one dollar. The scripts should be very useful in any program on library work especially on Career Days and during Library Week, both of which I will speak later.

I wonder how many of you are familiar with the **NEWSLETTER TO PROSPECTIVE LIBRARIANS** which was issued for the first time by the Association in May, 1947, and has been issued three times a year since in November, January, and March. It is mailed to students enrolled in undergraduate library science courses in colleges which offer these courses and to students in other colleges and junior colleges who are interested in becoming librarians. The purpose of the Newsletter is to keep these prospective librarians informed about the activities of the Association, librarians, and library work in general. In the past, whole issues have been devoted to special types of library work. Each issue is edited by a representative of one of the college libraries. The three issues this year have been edited by: Mrs. John Ma-

gee, Louisiana Polytechnic Institute; Miss Olive Roberts, Northwestern State College; and Miss Elizabeth Stoney, Southeastern Louisiana College.

The Executive Board also voted to offer to these students an associate membership in the Association for which there is no charge. They felt that this would be a very simple, yet effective, way to increase their interest in becoming librarians. Of the one hundred and fifty students on the mailing list, forty have applied for associate membership.

Recently the Recruiting Committee has prepared an exhibit of materials on recruiting. It is made up of pamphlets published by libraries, library associations and library schools which are free or very inexpensive; books which were gifts from the publishers; pictures of librarians at work; and posters. Here, I might say that we are in need of more pictures. We seem to have a sufficient number to represent public library work, but we would like very much to have some from school, college, and special libraries.

Our original purpose in preparing the exhibit was to use it at meetings of librarians to show what is available in the way of recruiting materials and to encourage them to prepare similar exhibits for use in their own libraries. However, we soon realized that it would reach a larger number of people if we could arrange for it to be used at meetings of young people—Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, 4-H Club members, etc. It could also be used at meetings of adults interested in youth and in a position to advise them concerning a choice of a vocation. This group includes teachers, vocational guidance counsellors, and probably most important of all, parents.

The first group that we approached was the Louisiana Parent-Teacher Association. The State President not only agreed to use it at the State

meeting, but also suggested that it might be used at the District P. T. A. meetings. Of the thirteen Chairmen to whom we wrote, nine replied that they would like to use it, and four asked for speakers on their programs in addition. The librarians in the places where the district meetings were held were most cooperative in this project. They took charge of the exhibit and were on hand to answer questions. Those cooperating included: Emily Spencer, Calcasieu Parish Library; Mrs. Lillian Gray, Concordia Parish Library; Ray Kahn, Morgan City High School; Inez Boone, Shreve Memorial Library; Frances Flanders, Ouachita Parish Library; Doris Lessel, Evangeline Parish Library; and Mrs. J. I. Seals, supervisor of instruction in LaSalle Parish and a former librarian. Miss Boone, Miss Kahn, Miss Lessel, and Mrs. Seals were asked to speak at the meetings in addition to handling the exhibit. The response shown by the P. T. A. is just an example of the response we will receive from the other state organizations if we appeal to them.

It is our plan now to approach such organizations as the Business & Professional Women, the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and other organizations of both men and women that hold state or district meetings to ask them to use our exhibit and to include on their program a talk on library work as a career.

In order to do this we must be able to supply speakers. For that reason, we have decided to establish a speaker's bureau. We will be very happy to have volunteers who will be willing to speak to groups meeting in their local communities. We hope to have one speaker in each parish.

Another way in which we need your help is in keeping informed of these meetings. It is difficult for the committee to know when and where they are to be held, whereas the librarians in the local communities

will probably have this information right at hand. Therefore, again, we want to feel that we can depend on you to make the contact with the local chairman and offer to arrange a program on library work.

It need not be a state, district or even parish meeting. Weekly meetings of men's civic clubs—Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions, etc.—offer an opportunity to present the great advantages of library work. It has been suggested that the trustees might help in this project, and this is highly possible. Many trustees are members of the very groups that we want to reach. If you librarians will supply them with the necessary information, they can present the idea to their groups. The more people we can make conscious of our need, the better it will be.

We have deviated somewhat from our original purpose in preparing the exhibit, but we have not abandoned it entirely. We hope that after you have seen our exhibit here at the convention that you will order the material and prepare your own exhibit to be used at local meetings, career days, and other vocational programs or in the library at appropriate times. To help you in preparing your exhibit we have compiled an annotated bibliography giving the price of each item and the full order information. You may not want to include all of the material. For that reason we have included a brief descriptive statement about each pamphlet. All of this is valuable information for any library that attempts to supply vocational information.

The Career Day programs which are held in many of the high schools offer an excellent opportunity to present to young people the advantages of library work as a career. The purpose of these career days is to familiarize the high school seniors and sometimes all of the high school students with the various professions and vocations. Usually the students

are asked to indicate the profession in which they are interested, and then representatives of these vocations are invited to speak to the group.

The difficulty that we met with immediately was securing the necessary information about these programs. There is no central planning office. Instead, each school handles its own program, and we had no way of knowing which schools have such programs and when they were to be held. We felt that the best person to work through was the school librarian. Recently, we addressed a letter to each school librarian in which we called the career day programs to her attention, asked her to see that library work was represented, offered to arrange for a speaker and to send an exhibit. We enclosed a form in which we asked for the necessary information such as date and time of the program and the person in charge. These replies have come in very slowly; only two have reported Career Days.

The first of these was held at the Lake Charles High School on March 18. Miss Ruth Clark, the librarian, borrowed the exhibit which was used in the library along with exhibits on other vocations. Miss Dorothy Duncan, Librarian of the Beauregard Parish Library, spoke to the group. The other Career Day is to be held at the LaGrange High School in May, and our exhibit will be used there.

Several of the librarians have expressed an interest in Career Day programs and have volunteered to suggest that such a program be planned next year. One librarian suggested that she would like to see an organization of future librarians formed similar to the Future Farmers of America. I think this is an excellent suggestion and one which we might well undertake in the future.

I would like to ask all the school librarians who have not returned the form to send it to me immediately, and if any of you in attendance at this

meeting know of Career Days being planned, please let me know. If you know that no career day is being held in your parish, school and public librarians should combine their efforts to see that one is planned for next year, and that library work has a prominent place on the program.

The Recruiting Committee has plans for future projects. We feel that one thing that has been neglected is publicity. We hope that very soon we can work up a series of spot announcements concerning the need for librarians and the advantages of library work, to send to the radio stations all over the state. I hope also, that we can get some good stories written for the newspapers and magazines in the state.

But the most important and interesting project that the Committee is planning is Library Week which will be observed all over the state next fall. The purpose will be to give high school seniors who are interested, an opportunity to work in a library. In order to make the project official, we hope to get the Governor to issue a proclamation recommending the observance of Library Week.

The local public and college librarians will invite the high school seniors who are interested in library work to come to the library for a day or several days. During this time they will be given an opportunity to learn about the various types of work performed in the library and will have a chance to participate in the library activities—go out on the bookmobile,

answer the telephone, charge books, look up simple requests, etc. Each student should have an individual conference with the librarian during the day. There should be an exhibit of recruiting materials in the library, and the librarian should speak to the whole group on all types of library work, so as to give them an idea of the variety of opportunities in the profession. On another day during the week, the students will be given an opportunity to work in their own school library. In parishes where there are no college or public libraries, the full responsibility would fall on the school librarian. It might be possible for the students in the small high schools where the library facilities are limited to visit the library in a larger high school. Throughout the week there would be newspaper publicity and radio programs. The radio scripts being published by the Association will be very useful in preparing these programs.

If we are to make a success of Library Week and our whole recruiting program, we will need the cooperation of every librarian in the state. When the details for the observance of Library Week have been worked out you will receive announcements and we hope that you will study them carefully.

The Recruiting Committee will be happy to receive your suggestions for any projects that will aid us in accomplishing our purpose—to interest capable young men and young women in becoming librarians.

MODISETTE AWARD COMPETITION

Will all school librarians wishing to participate in the Modisette Award competition please request blanks from Sallie Farrell, Chairman, Modisette Award Committee, Box 131, Baton Rouge? Forms are being revised by a sub-committee of school librarians including Evelyn Peters, chairman, Mrs. Evelyn Cormier, Sue Record, and Mrs. Olin D. Moore.

Standards for college and university libraries are being revised by Marjorie Leigh and a sub-committee of college and university librarians. Standards for special libraries will be drawn up by a sub-committee of librarians in this field.

Public library standards will be the same as for 1948.

THE CRISIS IN RECRUITMENT

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When news got out at the end of World War II that 18,000 new librarians would be needed in the immediate subsequent years, most of us were rather startled. However, it soon became apparent that this was a well calculated estimate, for there is no library in the country that can truthfully say that it has been able to attract the type of personnel it needs for all positions. That personnel is simply not available today.

As soon as the crisis in recruitment became generally known, many national library groups appointed recruitment committees. Some individual libraries and state and local groups actually began effective action programs, but there was no coordination on a national level.

Within the American Library Association, the Board of Education for Librarianship is charged with dealing with the problems of recruitment. Accordingly, in November 1947 this board invited representatives of other national organizations and of A.L.A. divisions to attend a conference in Chicago to review the entire problem. The most important result was the recommendation that a Joint Committee on Library Work as a Career be organized.

Representatives of the same groups met again at the 1948 Midwinter Conference of the A.L.A. and formally brought the Joint Committee on Library Work as a Career into existence. Mr. Francis R. St. John was elected Chairman, and Mr. Lawrence S. Thompson was elected Secretary. These two officers, together with Miss Anita M. Hostetter, secretary of the Board of Education for Librarianship, were designated as the Steering Committee, subsequently joined by a

representative of Special Libraries Association, first Mr. Carl W. E. Hintz, and later Mr. Herman Henkle.

A cornerstone of the program which was planned at the first meeting was the establishment of a full-time office with an executive director and staff with a budget of \$15,000 to \$25,000. No such office has ever been established, and there has been no indication from any source that the necessary money will be forthcoming.

Nevertheless, the officers and members of the Joint Committee gave unsparingly of their time and energy, and much was accomplished. It was recognized that vocational counsellors are among the best agents for "breaking the ice" with the prospective recruit. Accordingly, plans were made for an exhibit under the energetic leadership of Miss Mary Vocelle for the National Vocational Guidance Association's spring meeting in Chicago. Another immediate need was the preparation of a folder aimed at prospective recruits. A committee under Miss Mildred Stibitz worked feverishly on this job (somewhat more complicated than the word "folder" suggests) and produced "10,000 Careers with a Challenge" in time for distribution at the May and June meetings of the national library associations. Other committees produced recruiting posters and established a particularly successful booth at the Atlantic City Conference.

The Joint Committee met at the time of the Atlantic City Conference and several important new committees were appointed. It was realized that there should be some device for centralizing and disseminating sources of information on recruitment problems and activities. There-

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fore, Rev. James J. Kortendick was appointed chairman of a Clearing House Committee, which has brought out two useful information bulletins. All groups and individuals interested in recruitment problems have been urged to submit information on their activities to Father Kortendick. Another significant move was the establishment of a Publicity Committee, the functions of which have been assumed by the Library Public Relations Council. This group is attempting to assemble recruiting materials in quantities and make them available to interested persons. Other significant steps were the appointment of a regional advisory committee and a committee to examine the interpretation of librarianship in books, films, and other media of communication.

While "10,000 Careers with a Challenge" was favorably received, it was realized that a more extensive publication should be prepared for the use of vocational counsellors. It is hoped that this can be published not too late this year.

Among the new projects, two deserve special mention. A committee to coordinate information on scholarships available for library school students was authorized with Mr. Carl Melinat as chairman. A committee headed by Miss Mary Elizabeth Miller, was appointed to urge state and regional groups to give recruiting a prominent place on their programs.

All of this national activity may sound a bit remote to the individual librarian who has not served on any of the recruiting committees. And indeed it is when we consider that recruitment is a very personal matter, usually depending upon the relationship established between some practicing librarian and a prospective recruit. No one was ever recruited by a folder or a poster. In the last analysis the formula for bringing com-

petent people into the library profession is a very simple one: Do a good job at your daily routines and then follow up aggressively any interest in your work revealed by promising young people.

The job of the recruiting committees, therefore, is twofold: (1) To needle individual librarians to greater alertness to the possibilities of recruitment, and (2) to provide for the initial contact with the prospective librarian. This justifies folders and posters, radio programs, career days, speeches and other contacts with high school and college youth, in short, all the techniques for reaching the young men and women of our schools that can possibly be developed.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

On February 12, 1949, the Executive Board met in Alexandria, La.

The Board voted to remove from the general treasury all funds belonging to the various Sections of the Association and to turn the funds over to the Chairmen of the respective Sections. A motion was then passed requesting that each Section elect the following officers to serve on a calendar basis: a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, and a Treasurer (or a Secretary-Treasurer).

It was decided that after January 1, 1950, the First Vice-President of the Association shall be the chairman of the Membership Committee; and the second Vice-President shall be chairman of the Public Relations Committee; and it was also decided that there shall be a single Convention Committee, consisting of a Chairman, a member of the Public Relations Committee, and five other members, who shall serve as chairmen of the following sub-Committees: Commercial Ex-

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AN ADMINISTRATOR VIEWS THE LIBRARY

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It is a happy privilege to welcome you to Lake Charles. We hope that your stay will be pleasant, and we sincerely trust that during your conference many new ideas will develop which will prove useful to you in your work.

The library and librarians have been very important items in public thinking for many years. But a few months ago I had an experience which, in my estimation, put the library and librarians on a pedestal. By appointment, I served as chairman of a sub-committee to make recommendations as to the qualifications of librarians to the General State Committee on Education and Teacher Certification. Serving with me were the following: Mrs. Lucille T. Carnahan, Librarian of Natchitoches H. S.; Sister Marie Christine, Librarian of Xavier University, N. O.; Mrs. Florinell Morton, Director of Library School, L. S. U.; Mrs. Elsie Seals, Supervisor, LaSalle Parish School; Miss Thesta Ann Walker, Librarian, Phillips Elem. School, L. P. I., Ruston; Miss Georgette Richard, Visiting Teacher, Ascension Parish Schools; Dean Lutha F. Dyson, Southeastern College, Hammond; Miss Sue Hefley, Supervisor of Libraries, State Department of Education, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Never have I had the opportunity of working with a better qualified, more efficient, or more sincere group of people. Each did his own thinking. The ideas advanced were expressed clearly. Each belief presented was substantiated with practical information which had been learned from actual experience.

The committee readily agreed that the librarian should be a college grad-

uate with a minimum of 124 semester hours of credit. It was agreed that the credits should be of a general, professional, and specialized nature, the specialization to be in Library Science.

Amazingly enough, this committee, composed for the most part of library specialists, recommended only 18 hours of specialized training in Library Science. This was most unusual in fact almost astounding, because most specialists are prone to direct their thinking toward an ever-narrowing field. Here was a group thinking in exactly the opposite direction. Consequently it was most agreeably surprising to find that librarians believe that a broad general education is of chief importance in preparing themselves to best serve those who will be calling on librarians for aid.

If this is the type of thinking to which the majority of our librarians subscribe, we can well afford to follow their directions and advice with the utmost of faith, because it is founded on a sound and solid foundation.

Unfortunately we find that librarians are often sadly handicapped in trying to do the type of work which most of them are so well qualified to do. Lack of money is one of the chief shortcomings. Most libraries never receive more than a minimum budget, and all too often the librarian is not allowed enough latitude in spending the money. Few libraries have adequate physical facilities. We find that the library is not large enough; it is improperly placed; the lights are poor. The furniture is a collection of odds and ends; shelving is insufficient, and the files have been crowded for many years. If a typewriter has been provided, it is generally of ancient vintage; and if a mimeograph

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or other type of duplicating machine is available, it is invariably out of order just at the time when it will be needed most. To make matters worse, the janitorial service is miserable.

Another cause of grievance comes from a lack of knowledge or poor philosophy on the part of administrators. Many times it is found that a librarian's worth is being judged by the number of books that are being circulated each month. There are still a few school officials who think that the school library should be a duplicate of a public library. If a few books are lost during the year, the librarian is guilty of an unpardonable sin. The library is a sanctum sanctorum that can be entered only at the beginning of a period. There a death-like silence must prevail. The librarian's chief job is that of a study hall monitor. Many still strictly adhere to the belief that the school library is not a place for children to read the sport page of a newspaper, to skim magazines, or to browse through books.

Probably the most difficult problem of all for the librarian is the one which comes from the lack of cooperation. Pupils and teachers alike never come to the library except in case of absolute necessity. The teachers never inform the librarian of the unit being studied. Teachers never request bibliographies. Teachers never request that books be placed on the reserve shelf. Everybody talks about "Book Week," but after the librarian has worked herself sick getting an interesting book exhibit and preparing numerous posters, few ever pay any attention to what has been done.

It must be admitted that all of these shortcomings are most disheartening and add nothing to the pleasures of the life of a librarian. However, if the librarian has the characteristics of the librarians who were mentioned in the early part of this talk, there are a few things which may be done to show the brighter side of the picture.

First and foremost, a librarian should realize that the job is one of the biggest and most important in the whole school. It carries with it administrative ability, real teaching ability, and a thorough knowledge of library science. The entire work of the school is centered around the library. The library is a vital part of every course taught and is not an extra-curricular activity.

Now that the importance and magnitude of the library has been established, what about the librarian? If the job is to be done well, it is exceedingly important that the librarian sell herself to all the pupils and the teachers in the school. This is not an easy task. It is one which will require constant thinking, daily planning, and maximum effort at all times.

In the beginning, make sure that the right profession has been selected. The job of librarian was never intended as one to be drifted into by accident. Be sure that sufficient professional training has been mastered to permit one to go about the job with some degree of confidence and efficiency. Guard against establishing a reputation as one who spends too much time doing detail work such as cataloging, collecting fines, and keeping records. Never be known as one who has a mania for collecting everything with the idea that someday it may serve some purpose. Guard against giving teachers the impression that the librarian's position in life is on just a little higher plane than the one occupied by the teacher. Take pride in your personal appearance. Pleasing impressions are most easily created under pleasant circumstances. Be ever on the alert in training yourself to understand and get along with people.

To be of greatest service to students a librarian should know as much about the individual student and his affairs as possible. Know something about his family and his

home life. Know whether the family owns books and, if so, what kind. Know the student's schedule and whether a free period for study has been provided. Know whether the student can remain after school. Know what the student's hobbies are and who his friends are. Provide interesting reading material and try to develop within the child the ability to read both informational and recreational material.

As for teachers, remember that most of them have heavy schedules and that they have little time in which to do library work. Do your level best to make friends of all the teachers. Try to gain their confidence. Serve on committees with them. Find out what their interests are. Be sympathetic. Be helpful. Be appreciative. Solicit aid of all the

teachers in ordering books and magazines.

Show them book reviews in their particular fields. Learn the course of study for the different fields of subject matter. When new units of study are being developed, gather all available material-books, magazines, pamphlets, clippings, audio-visual aids, etc. Let the teachers and pupils know that you have them, and then use every known inducement to get the materials into use. Find out what the teachers think is wrong with the library, and try to correct it. Above all, maintain a friendly and sympathetic attitude and let the teachers know that you stand willing and ready to cooperate with them in every way to do a better job of teaching.

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LOUISIANA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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One hundred and seventy-three librarians and friends of libraries registered at the twenty-third annual conference of the Louisiana Library Association held in Lake Charles April 2-4, 1949. The following officers served at the three-day sessions in the Majestic and Charleston Hotels: Eugene P. Watson, President; W. Dosite Postell, First Vice-President and President-elect; Lucille T. Carnahan, Second Vice-President; Rubie M. Hanks, Secretary; Mary Clay, Treasurer; S. Metella Williams, Parliamentarian, and John Hall Jacobs, Past-President.

The twenty-third conference was in some respects a departure from the traditional manner of holding library conferences in the state. Be-

cause of the crowded conditions in the hotels in Lake Charles, it was necessary to schedule the conference during the week-end. Business sessions were reduced to the minimum, and committee reports were almost completely eliminated. The conference proposed to be one in which ample opportunity was offered for committee meetings and for leisurely contacts with members of the profession, as well as time for enjoyment of the informative and inspirational programs that had been arranged.

Registration in the lobby of the Majestic Hotel began at 10:00 A. M., on April 2. Various committee meetings had been scheduled concurrently with the registration period, from 10:00 A. M. to 12:00 noon.

The first general session was called to order by Miss Sue Hefley, at 2:00 P. M., in the Colonial Room of the Majestic Hotel. Miss Hefley spoke briefly of the contrast of associational meetings of earlier days, paying a tribute to those who had worked tirelessly to lay a sound foundation for the present library association; and, on behalf of the membership, she expressed appreciation to the President, Mr. Eugene P. Watson, for the vigorous and wise leadership of the association's activities during his regime.

After being introduced to the group, Mayor Thomas C. Price, of Lake Charles, extended a warm welcome from the City of Lake Charles. Mr. Watson responded for the association.

The meeting moved directly into a consideration of the theme of the conference, "Recruiting for Librarianship," with Dr. Lawrence S. Thompson, Director of Libraries of the University of Kentucky and Secretary of the Joint Committee on Library Work as a Career, as the principal speaker. Dr. Thompson's challenging address on "Crisis in Recruiting" caused the audience to feel a keen personal responsibility as the talk closed with the brief summary, "The entire program of recruitment is up to individual action."

Miss Vivian Cazayoux, Chairman of the Louisiana Library Association Recruitment Committee, gave a report on "Recruiting in Louisiana." After introducing the members of the committee, Miss Cazayoux told of the activities of the committee and outlined its future projects. The Louisiana Library Association received the second-place Field Recruiting Award, given for the most effective recruiting activities carried on during 1948. In addition to the honor, this award carried a monetary value of \$200.00. Miss Cazayoux stated that the aim of the committee is to re-

ceive the first-place award in 1949.

The President, Mr. Eugene P. Watson, presided at the brief business session that followed. The report from the Nominating Committee was unanimously accepted, with the following officers being elected to begin their duties January 1, 1950; W. Dosite Postell, President; Frances Flanders, First Vice-President and President-elect; Bess Vaughan, Second Vice-President; Norris McClellan, Secretary; Ruth Moor, Treasurer; Erminia Wadsworth, Parliamentarian; and Eugene P. Watson, Past-President. Mrs. Florrinnell F. Morton was elected as Louisiana's representative on the American Library Association Council, to complete the unexpired term of Miss Sue Hefley, resigned.

After the business session closed, a very interesting film, "The Librarian," was shown by the Recruiting Committee.

A large group attended the Author Dinner held in the Colonial Room of the Majestic Hotel, at 7:30 P. M., with Mr. Watson presiding. Among the special guests of the Association were representatives of the undergraduate Library Science groups at Northwestern State College, Southwestern Louisiana Institute, Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, and Louisiana State University.

The presentation of the Modisette Awards was made by Dr. Mary Mims, Rural Sociologist, Agricultural Extension Division of the Louisiana State University, at the Author Dinner. In making the presentations Dr. Mims spoke of the devoted and untiring service of the late Mr. James O. Modisette to libraries in Louisiana. These citations of Merit, given in recognition of progress made during 1948, were awarded to the Ouachita Parish Library and to the Many High School Library. Mrs. A. G. McHenry, member of the Ouachita Parish Library Board, accepted the public

library award and presented it to Miss Frances Flanders, Librarian of the Ouachita Parish Library. Mrs. Olin D. Moore, Librarian of Many High School, accepted the school award for the Many High School Library.

Dr. Hewitt L. Ballowe received the Louisiana Literary Award as the author of *Creole Folk Tales*, the most outstanding book on Louisiana published during 1948. This award, offered for the first time this year by the Association, was announced by Mr. John Hall Jacobs, Chairman of the Committee.

The principal speaker at the dinner was Mr. Clayton Fritchey, editor of the *New Orleans Item*. After being introduced by Miss Bess Vaughan, Chairman of the Program Committee, Mr. Fritchey explained the title of his address, "Up Koming" and made a most thought-provoking talk on the place of America in world affairs.

A large part of April 3 was given over to the library school breakfasts in the Charleston Hotel and to the meetings of the various sections.

The traditional Trustee's Luncheon was held in the Majestic Hotel at 12:30 P.M. with Mrs. A. G. McHenry presiding. Dr. Errett W. McDiarmid, President of A. L. A., spoke on the subject, "Functions of a Public Library Trustee." His address was followed by a talk by Mr. John Hall Jacobs, Librarian of New Orleans Public Library, on the subject, "New Types of Library Service."

A tea for School Librarians was given by the local P.T.A. in the home of Mrs. Harry Huber; and the members of the Carnegie Library Board with the Calcasieu Parish Library Board were hosts at a tea at the Majestic Hotel.

The next general session was presided over by Mr. W. Dosite Postell, at 7:30 P.M. At this meeting, designated as "Librarians' Town Meeting,"

six outstanding books were reviewed: Toynbee, *Civilization on Trial* and Mailer, *The Naked and the Dead* by Dr. Garland F. Taylor; Bradley, *No Place to Hide* and Paton, *Cry the Beloved Country* by Miss Helen Maestri; Meyer, *Peace or Anarchy* and Shaw, *The Young Lions* by Mrs. Ruth Moor. A general discussion of the books followed the review. The interesting meeting was brought to a close by the showing of Robert Flaherty's Documentary Film, *Louisiana Story*.

The final session was called to order at 9:00 A. M., April 4, by Mr. Watson. Mrs. Elizabeth Hamilton, editor of *Morrow Junior Books*, was introduced by Mrs. G. M. Lester and gave an interesting talk on "Creative Writing and the Publisher." Mr. Jacobs then introduced Dr. Errett W. McDiarmid, President of the A.L.A. who presented information on the present condition of A. L. A., entitled "A. L. A.—Fact or Fiction." A number of provocative questions from the floor followed Dr. McDiarmid's talk.

The main business session of the conference then opened. The Treasurer, Miss Mary Clay, gave a financial report. Miss Clay urged all those who had not paid their membership dues to do so before the conference ended. Mr. Robert M. Trent, Business Manager of the *Bulletin*, gave a report on the finances of the *Bulletin*.

Mr. Watson announced that the budget for L. L. A. for this year includes expenditures amounting to almost \$2000.00. He also informed the attending members that the Sustaining Membership Fund, which was set up last year and has been kept in the general fund, is being withdrawn and placed in a separate savings account.

The President, in commenting on the activities of the Association for the current year, stated that the present Executive Board is making every

effort to administer the affairs of the Association in accordance with the expressed wishes of the membership. Every attempt, Mr. Watson continued, has been made to reach the membership-at-large and to keep them informed about the activities of the Association. The *Bulletin* carries an account of every board meeting, and at the Southwestern meeting in New Orleans, the membership was consulted directly. There are approximately 100 members who are now serving on committees, many of whom are new members. Few reports are being given at the conference, but synopses of all reports will be published in the *Bulletin*.

The President commended the Program Committee for the very interesting programs; the Commercial Exhibits Committee for the colorful and attractive displays in the Colonial Room; the Committee in charge of the Professional Exhibits in the adjoining room; and the Hospitality Committee for the many courtesies extended those attending the conference.

The following committees reported:

Registration: There was a total registration of 173, with 50 attending the library school breakfasts; 51 the Trustee's Luncheon; and 173 the Author Dinner.

Public Relations: A "Directory of Louisiana Librarians" will be published in October.

Legislation: The Secretary of State, Wade O. Martin, has communicated with libraries of the state advising them of the opportunity of becoming depository libraries for state documents. The Association went on record as expressing appreciation to Mr. Martin for his cooperation in executing the provision of the law for the establishing of these depository libraries. But general dissatisfaction was expressed at the general ineffec-

tiveness of the law as it is being administered at the present time.

Federal Relations: A resolution was passed by the Association opposing the proposed bill to increase postal rates, and the Secretary was instructed to send copies of the resolution to all members of Louisiana's delegation in Congress.

Constitution, By-Laws, and Manual: The following proposed amendments to the by-laws were approved: the removal of the Executive's Board's discretionary power to call for the election of officers by mail ballot; and the creation of a new membership classification—\$5.00 Contributing Memberships—for individuals who care to use them. The proposal to allow anyone to attend any single session of a conference upon the payment of a twenty-five cent registration fee was voted down, and it was agreed that a compulsory registration fee of \$1.00 shall be charged to everyone who attends even a single session of a conference.

Membership: There are now 273 members of the Association. This figure includes 239 individual memberships, 30 institutional, and 4 sustaining.

Announcement was made by the President that the following three committees are making surveys to determine whether or not the Association should sponsor these proposed projects: indexing of Louisiana magazines, microfilming of Louisiana newspapers, and publication of a pamphlet on libraries of Louisiana. The report of the Resolutions Committee was enthusiastically approved.

The twenty-third conference was brought to a close with the membership expressing itself as favoring a relatively leisurely conference with a single, two-hour business meeting, and as preferring that the conference always begin on Thursday and end on Saturday.

Immediately after the close of the business session, a group of interested persons met briefly to discuss proposals for drawing the negro members into greater participation in the activities of the Association.

Public Library Section

The Public and Parish Section of the Louisiana Library Association met April 3, at 3:00 p.m. in the Charleston Hotel ball room in Lake Charles.

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Hamilton, Editor, Morrow Junior Books, William Morrow and Company, spoke on "Authors at Work" at the program session preceding the business meeting. "Write about what you know," she said is the advice she gives to all authors. She told of the work habits of several authors. "Some authors never need an editor and these are the answer to all editors' prayers," she stated. "Among such authors is Stephen Meader; his work is always acceptable as it comes to the editor." Carolyn Haywood was a portrait painter specializing in children's portraits. She was interested in illustrating children's books and from one sketch she submitted evolved the idea of her "Betsy" books. Mrs. Hamilton told how John R. Tunis began writing for young people and mentioned the minute checking by which he insures the accuracy of his stories. Margaret E. Bell, who has just completed a second in a series about a family in Alaska, has used her family as a basis for this series. Eleanor Lattimore's *Bayou Boy* was the result of a year and a half spent in Louisiana. "Jeannette Eaton likes to have suggestions for her books," Mrs. Hamilton stated, "and her newest is about an early hero of Arizona."

Dr. E. W. McDiarmid, president of the American Library Association, then spoke on "A. L. A. and the American Public Library." He spoke on the close relationship between the

National Association and the Public Libraries raising five specific questions pertinent to this relationship: (1) What are the major objectives of A. L. A.? (2) What is the Fourth Activities Committee trying to do to A. L. A.? (3) What is the purpose of regional meetings this year? (4) Why did A. L. A. reduce the placement service? (5) Doesn't A. L. A. seem to be losing sight of the individual librarians and the library? What is it doing for me and my library?

In the business session which followed, the section adopted a resolution opposing the increase in postal rates as provided in H.B. 2945 and S. 1103. The secretary was instructed to send copies to all the Members of Congress from Louisiana.

Reports by the following committees: Books Selection, Reports, Retirement, and Cooperative Printing were accepted. The following were appointed to serve on the committee to select a list of books for purchase by the parish libraries: Miss Marie Louise Goodwin, Chairman, Miss Inez Boone, Miss Helen Dykes and Mrs. Max Schenker.

The section voted that officers' terms should correspond to the calendar year.

The following were elected officers for 1950: Mrs. Max Schenker, East Baton Rouge Parish Library, Chairman; Mrs. Hoffman Jones, Morehouse Parish Library, vice-chairman; and Miss Kay Werner, Lafourche Parish Library, secretary.

Miss Alice Woolery, librarian, Department of Public Health, spoke briefly about the service of the Department of Public Health library and mentioned that its books were available for inter-library loan.

The section went on record as opposed to meetings of the Louisiana Library Association over the weekend.

DOROTHY DUNCAN, *Secretary*

School Libraries Section

The annual meeting of the School Libraries Section of the Louisiana Library Association was held in Lake Charles, April 3, in the City School Board Office, with Ruth Clark, Chairman of the section, presiding. Thirty-four librarians representing parochial and public schools were in attendance. In addition there were the following: supervisor of school libraries, executive secretary of the State Library, a professor of library science, and a student delegate from one of the colleges. The program consisted of a challenging address 'An Administrator Looks at School Libraries,' by Mr. G. W. Ford, Superintendent of City Schools, Lake Charles, and an inspirational and enthusiastic report on "Mid-Winter A. L. A. Meeting," by Ruth Clark.

Miss Essae M. Culver, State Librarian, Louisiana State Library, explained how H.R. Bill 2945 and Senate Bill 1103 would drain heavily upon library funds should they pass and urged members of the group to acquaint their congressmen with the dangers involved. The group went on record as disapproving the bills, and the secretary was instructed to express its disapproval by writing Senator Long, a member of the committee.

Announcement of the Southwestern Regional meeting of A. L. A. to be held in Fort Worth, Texas, November 20-23 was made by Miss Sue Hefley, State Supervisor of School Libraries, and who, upon request, also spoke briefly of the Fourth Activities Committee of A. L. A. Upon presentation of a folder "Recruiting for Librarianship" which had been sent her from another state and obtainable in quantity, if desired, she suggested that it be given the Project Committee for further consideration. To those interested in forming parish library

groups Miss Hefley offered to send an accumulation of possible activities for consideration and expressed the hope that such parish groups could be represented in the Louisiana School Library Council.

The following committees made reports which were accepted: Policy, Student Relations, Constitution, By-Laws, and Handbook, the last one recommending that the new organization formed by the union of the School Library Department of L. E. A. and the School Libraries Section of L. L. A. be called the Louisiana Association of School Librarians and that the executive board of this new organization be known as a council which will become the advisory group of the new Louisiana Association of School Librarians.

To the request of Evelyn Peters, member of the Modisette Award Committee, for suggestions regarding the revision of requirements for the Modisette Award, recommendations for simplification and for the permission of competing in one of several phases of school library work were made.

It was announced by Irma Spillman that the exhibit on "Recruiting for Librarianship" arranged by Vivian Cazayoux could be borrowed and folders bought.

Since the union of the school libraries sections of both state organizations has been completed, the present officers will serve through December 1949, namely: Ruth Clark, librarian, Lake Charles High School, Chairman; Mrs. Mildred Brown, librarian, Bastrop Central School, Vice-Chairman; Ruby Moore, librarian, Fair Park High School, Secretary; Lillian Gauthier, librarian, Lafayette High School, Treasurer.

RUBY MOORE, *Secretary*

College and Reference Section

The program of the College and Reference Section consisted of a panel discussion on "Improvement of College Library Service." The members of the panel were: Dr. Garland Taylor, Director of Libraries, Tulane University; Dr. Richard J. Russell, Chairman of Library Committee, Louisiana State University; and Dr. E. W. McDiarmid, President of the American Library Association and Director of Libraries, University of Minnesota.

The discussion of the panel, with Dr. Taylor as Chairman, centered around the problems of building a suitable book collection for the library in which one works; the reluctance of senior un-library-minded members of a department to listen to the recommendations of more ambitious younger members of the same department; policies of interlibrary loans; and training for librarianship. Dr. Taylor concluded the discussion with the statement that the function of the panel was not to reach conclusions, but to raise problems and suggest controversy.

In the business session which followed, Miss Hilda Fuller, chairman of the Newspaper Committee, submitted the report of this committee. Miss Fuller reported that Part I of the project (compilation of a list of Louisiana newspapers currently received and preserved by college, university and public libraries in Louisiana) has been completed, and that the committee will continue to work on Parts II and III.

Mrs. Louise G. Lemert submitted the report of the Committee on Statistics, which recommended that the Section not adopt as a project the publication of statistics of Louisiana colleges and universities.

The following officers were elected for the coming year, and are to continue in office until the end of 1950: Chairman E. J. Scheerer; Vice-Chairman, James W. Dyson; Secretary-Treasurer, Elizabeth Stoney.

PATRICIA CATLETTE, *Secretary*.

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Trustees' Section

At the recent meeting of the Louisiana Library Association an innovation was tried in the form of two meetings for trustees, instead of one as had been done in previous years. The first meeting was attended by trustees only and was an informal discussion of their problems. The members present felt that they would like to meet in regional groups at other times than at the annual meeting. These meetings were to supplement the annual meeting and not take the place of the meeting.

At the Trustees Luncheon, Dr. E. W. McDiarmid, President of the American Library Association, gave a most inspiring talk about the functions of a public library trustee. Mr. John Hall Jacobs, librarian of the New Orleans Public Library, gave a talk about the new types of library service and warned librarians and trustees that the main purpose of the library was to circulate books to all of the people. In the absence of Mrs. Bernard Biedenharn, Chairman of the Trustees Section, Mrs. A. G. McHenry, Vice-Chairman of the Ouachita Parish Public Library Board, presided at both of these meetings. Great interest was shown by the people attending, and it is hoped that something worthwhile may come from the meeting. Mr. James Madison and Mrs. Hoffman Jones of the Morehouse Parish Library were elected Chairman and Secretary of the Group for 1950.

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The Bogalusa Lions Club presented a book projector and forty-nine microfilmed books to the Washington Parish Library on March 25. Representing the library at the presentation was H. J. Foil, ex-officio member of the Board of Control, Helen Dykes, parish librarian, and Mary Pat Rust and Ruth Pigott of the Bogalusa Branch Library. A picture of the event was taken and later appeared in the local papers. Helen Dykes and Mary Pat Rust attended the L. L. A. meeting in Lake Charles.

Mrs. Jackie Young recently replaced Mrs. Nina Campbell as children's librarian of Shreve Memorial Library.

Alexa McCain of Shreveport has arrived in Bombay, India, along with ten other missionaries, most of whom will be located in India. Miss McCain will spend some time studying more of the Indian language before she goes to Lucknow to begin her work at the Isabella Thoburn College.

The Professional Library of the Orleans Parish School Board has been moved from 1835 Erato Street to 1532 Calliope Street, according to Evelyn Peters, librarian. The new location is just one-half block from the New Orleans Public Library.

The Francis T. Nicholls High School in New Orleans now has two librarians: Helen Maestri and Mrs. Katherine Harris, formerly librarian, Kohn High School. This improvement will make for greater efficiency in service, and both faculty and students are happy over the new arrangement.

The Calcasieu Parish School librarians have organized and have had three meetings this school year. The group is very enthusiastic and plans to continue next year. The officers

are Irma Spillman, Vinton High School, President; Mrs. Dorothy M. McFatter, LaGrange High School, Vice-President; and Hazel McNamara, Sulphur High School, Secretary-Treasurer.

Claire Oriol, formerly of the Kohn High School Library, New Orleans, has been transferred to the Peters High School of that city.

During the L. L. A. convention at Lake Charles, a group of graduates and students of Northwestern State College had an informal dinner at the Majestic Hotel. Those who enjoyed the opportunity to meet the alumni and to renew old friendships were: Eloise Brock, Agnes Clark Elizabeth Builteman, Mrs. Ferne S. Turner, Ruby Moore, Elmira Montgomery, Candide Breau, Doris Tullos, Eugene Watson, Elsie Owen, Vernon Jordan, Jeannette Royston, Bernice Evans, Mrs. Dorothy M. McFatter, and Mrs. Lucille T. Carnahan.

Mrs. Evelyn Kerr, assistant librarian at the Veterans' Administration Hospital in New Orleans, has just returned from the University of Illinois, where she took a special short course for medical librarians. Mrs. Catherine Lipscomb, librarian, will take a similar course at Columbia University in June.

All members of the Beauregard Parish Library staff were able to attend the author dinner at the L. L. A. convention. Dorothy Duncan, librarian of the Beauregard Parish Library reports that two high school girls who are interested in becoming librarians have volunteered to help in the library during the summer months.

Odette Dolhonde has resigned her

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EXECUTIVE BOARD

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hibits, Hospitality, Professional Exhibits, Program, and Registration.

It was agreed that copies of the March issue of the *Bulletin* should be sent free of charge only to those members of the Association who pay their dues before the close of the Annual Conference in April; and free copies of the future issues of the *Bulletin* will be sent only to those who are members at the time the issue is printed.

The Board voted to set the sale price of the leaflet, "Be a Librarian," at 5c per single copy, and at 2c per copy in lots of ten or more.

An appropriation of \$10 was made to the Literary Award Committee for the printing of the citation scroll.

The group endorsed the National Library Demonstration Bill.

There was considerable discussion regarding the future relationships between L. L. A. and A. L. A. if the recommendations of the Fourth Activities Committee are adopted.

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The Executive Board met in Lake Charles, La., in three continued sessions, on April 2, 3, and 4, during the Annual Conference.

The President made the following announcements: The leaflet, "Be a Librarian," and the "Radio Transcription Pamphlet" are to be distributed by the L. S. U. Library School. The proposal to establish a State Book Depository has apparently failed because of a lack of general interest in the project on the part of librarians. The proposal to establish a union catalog of all of the most valuable printed materials in the state has made no progress as yet, largely because of the serious illness of one of the key persons in the program.

A unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to the staff of the *Bulletin*

for their excellent work. The opinion was expressed that henceforth more committee reports and other information concerning business matters should be supplied to the Editors so that the *Bulletin* would be able to keep the membership better informed about the activities of the Association. It was agreed that the forthcoming issue should contain a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws, incorporating all amendments. The Board expressed the hope that the Editor would be able to work out some plan by which the *Bulletin* would become a quarterly publication, as the six-month period between the May and November issues is overly-long. In response to requests from the membership, the Board voted to publish in each issue of the *Bulletin* a list of the officers of the Association. The State Librarian was empowered to make arrangements for "exchanging" twenty-five copies of the *Bulletin*. Max Trent and Miss Anna Davis attended this first part of the meeting as representatives of the *Bulletin*.

Miss Muriel Haas conferred with the Board concerning the general policies of the Public Relations Committee; and it was agreed that her Committee should concern itself primarily with publicizing the activities of the Association. A motion was passed authorizing the Committee to issue during next October a *Directory of Louisiana Librarians*, and to compile a new and up-to-date *Directory* every two years thereafter.

The request of the Recruiting Committee was granted, to the effect that the Committee was given authority to distribute free copies of "Be a Librarian" whenever necessary in their recruiting activities. The Board endorsed this Committee's proposal to have a special "Library Week" to coincide with the 1949 "Book Week."

Several suggestions were consid-

ered with regard to enlarging the Executive Board or changing its composition; but all were finally rejected as being undesirable or impractical.

There was a general discussion of methods of encouraging and developing general membership participation in the work of the Association.

A resolution was passed protesting against the proposed increase in postal rates.

The Treasurer was instructed to place all funds derived from Sustaining Memberships in a savings account.

It was decided that the Louisiana Literary Award to be made next spring will be in the form of a citation scroll; there is to be further discussion concerning the possibility of providing a monetary award in future years.

The group reaffirmed the long-standing policy that Board members will be reimbursed in an amount equivalent to bus fare for attending board meetings (not when these meetings are held at Conventions, however); but that Board members shall receive no further reimbursement in connection with meetings.

The Board voted to provide in each annual budget the sum of \$75 for the President to use in travel or otherwise in the professional interests of the Association. President Watson stated that he approved of the idea, but that he probably would not use the sum made available this year.

The Secretary was instructed to find out whether or not the Louisiana Historical Society will pay for the publication of an index to the *Louisiana Historical Quarterly*.

It was voted to provide 500 free copies of "Be a Librarian" for distribution at the Convention of the National Vocational Guidance Association.

The Board reaffirmed its endorse-

ment of the proposed resolution to clarify the status of the Library of Congress.

It was decided that all four major types of libraries shall be represented on every Executive Board, that no person shall hold the same office for two consecutive years, and that the names of the nominees selected by the Nominating Committee shall be published in the pre-conference issue of the *Bulletin*.

Hope was expressed that the income from the 1949 Annual Conference would equal the expenditures.

The following amounts of money were appropriated for the use of Committees: Indexing of Louisiana Periodicals, \$10; Legislation, \$10; Microfilming of Louisiana Newspapers, \$10; Public Relations, \$50.

ADMINISTRATOR VIEWS

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From what has been said it may be assumed that in viewing a library, great importance is to be attached to the librarian. This is true. No library is ever better than the librarian. Regardless of the size of the budget—the number and kind of books, or the beauty and usefulness of fixtures—the librarian is the all-important item. If paraphrasing is permissible, as goes the librarian so goes the library.

When pupils discover that librarians are actually interested in their welfare, when teachers become convinced that librarians are truly cooperating members of the teaching group and that both parties are working toward a common goal, we can look for a much improved situation. Teachers and pupils will exhibit a real interest in the library. Librarians will find that it is much easier to convince administrators of their needs. The finished product, the child, will leave the school with a much better education than ever before.

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Microfilming Louisiana Newspapers—LUCY B. FOOTE, *Louisiana State University.*

Pamphlet on "Libraries of Louisiana"—W. D. POSTELL, *School of Medicine, Louisiana State University.*

Recruiting—VIVIAN CAZAYOUX, *Louisiana State Library.*

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position at *Charity Hospital Medical and Patients' Library in New Orleans*. The new librarian there is *Mrs. Maurice M. Cable*, the former *Renee Miester*, who had held that same position prior to her marriage. Recently, she has been working in the library of *De Paul Sanatorium*.

The *Fitzgerald Advertising Agency* in *New Orleans* has recently started a library, and has appointed *Betty Mulloy* as librarian.

Olive Stuart is the new medical librarian at *Hotel Dieu*, a *New Orleans* private hospital. She was formerly librarian at the *National Leprosarium* at *Carville*, and for two years was librarian at the *Greenwell Springs Hospital*.

Recently elected officers of the Louisiana Chapter of the Special Libraries Association are: President, *Virginia Parker*; Vice-President and President-Elect, *Bertha Noe*; Secretary-Treasurer, *Peggy Harper*; Delegate-at-Large, *Jane Davies*.

Mary Louise Marshall, librarian at *Tulane University School of Medicine*, has completed the preliminary edition of the "Army Medical Library Classification," and it was published by the War Department in February. Copies are available from the *Army Medical Library* in *Washington*.

The Rockefeller Foundation has given funds to the Medical Library Association to bring three medical librarians from *Latin America* to this country for observation and study in our medical libraries. All three will probably spend several weeks at the Library of the *School of Medicine* of *Tulane University*. *Mrs. Maria Jose Lessa da Fonseca*, librarian of the *Medical School* of *Sao Paulo, Brazil*, was there during March and April. *Miss Lydia Pazos*, librarian of the *Medical School* of the *University of Havana* was there during April and

May. A third, from *Chile*, will probably observe the *Tulane* library later in the summer.

Florien McKnight, librarian of the *Esso Standard Oil Company, Baton Rouge*, has introduced the idea of a periodicals exchange for the benefit of the Science-Technology group of the Louisiana Chapter of Special Libraries Association, and their activities are proving very successful.

Leonard Oppenheim, librarian of the *College of Law* of *Tulane University*, announces the recent purchase of a library of about 350 volumes formerly owned by a Quebec lawyer. The collection is seventeenth and eighteenth century pre-Code French material.

Mrs. Dorothy B. Skau, librarian at the *Southern Regional Research Laboratory, New Orleans*, is a candidate for national second vice-president of Special Libraries Association. The results of the election will be announced at the annual convention in *Los Angeles* in June.

Mrs. Madeleine W. Calhoun is the new Pharmacy librarian at *Loyola University*, replacing *Mrs. Patricia M. Segleau*, who recently resigned. *Mrs. Calhoun* has returned to *New Orleans* from *Texas*. Prior to that she worked in the libraries of *Charity Hospital* and *L. S. U. School of Medicine*, and she was the camp librarian at *Camp Plauche*. Another new staff member at *Loyola* is *Verne Purcell*, who is an assistant in the order department.

Ruth Steidtmann, head cataloger at *Loyola* is soon to be married to *Charles Blum*.

The *Avoyelles Parish Library Demonstration* with headquarters in *Marksville* was opened May 21. *Kathryn Adams* has obtained a leave of three months from her position as librarian of the *Rapides Parish Library* to supervise the work of the demonstration. *Murrell C. Wellman*, formerly librarian of the *Ameri-*

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Since the official year of the Louisiana Library Association is now the calendar year, the volume numbering of the *Bulletin* will be changed to conform. This volume of the *Bulletin* will have five numbers. Volume 12, number 5 will appear in November 1949 and Volume 13 will begin with the first issue in 1950.

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can Dental Association Library in Chicago is in charge, and *Mary Frances Manry* will also be employed in Avoyelles. This is the *State Library's* newest demonstration.

New staff members at *East Baton Rouge Parish Library* are *Mrs. Betsy St. Julien* and *J. C. Pique*. *Mrs. Max Schenker*, librarian at *East Baton Rouge*, has been named Secretary of the *East Baton Rouge Historical Commission*. *Mrs. Bruce Tyner* of the same library was appointed to the administrative board of the *Community Volunteer Service of Baton Rouge*. *Eleanor Conrad*, children's librarian of *East Baton Rouge Parish Library*, has been granted a leave of absence for a trip to *Europe* where she will visit *England, Scotland, France, Switzerland, and Italy*.

Other librarians visiting *Europe* this summer will be *Alice Hebert* of the *Department of Books and Libraries of L. S. U.*, *Louisa Gregory*, circulation librarian of *Shreve Memorial Library*, *Mary Elizabeth Garst* of *L. S. U.* and *Mattie Sue Mounce* of the *State Library staff*.

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Lucille Arceneaux, librarian of the Lafayette Parish Library reports the following new staff members: Mrs. Harry Knighten, who is serving as children's librarian while Mrs. Anna Grace Villien is on a leave of absence; and Mrs. Harley Cox, assistant librarian. This library reports a circulation increase of more than 2000 a month over the same period last year.

Elizabeth Cammack, librarian of the Iberia Parish Library, reports that plans are being made to provide for an addition to the New Iberia Branch building so that the New Iberia Branch and the headquarters of the library will be located in the same building. Work will be completed in the next few months.

Frances Flanders, librarian of the Ouachita Parish Library writes that the library now has three ceiling projectors and 100 books. During its first year of operation, just completed, the bookmobile of Ouachita Parish circulated over 60,000 books. Patricia Snelling, a graduate of L. S. U., is a new staff member of this library.

Lafourche Parish Library has started its fourth bookmobile route, according to Kay Werner, librarian. A total of 234 books from the old Thibodaux City Library were recently added to the Lafourche Parish Library collection. Yvonne Toups, librarian of the F. T. Nicholls Junior College in Thibodaux, has been bringing her classes to Thibodaux Branch Library to study and use the card catalog, as hers is not yet ready for use.

Mrs. Ferne S. Turned is now librarian of the Point Coupee Parish Library.

Mrs. Gertrude P. Granatelli is a new member of the staff of the

Extension Division of the State Library.

According to Marion Taylor, librarian, members of the Young Women's Service Club of Minden have been serving as volunteer workers at the Minden Branch of the Webster Parish Library for the past several months. Individuals in the organization say that besides accomplishing a great deal of work in the library, they feel that they have learned something of the manner in which a modern library functions.

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Prize money won by LSU's *Daily Reveille* has been given by the student editors to start a Rosilia H. Calahan Memorial Scholarship. The \$175 prize was won by the student paper in a national safe driving editorial contest.

Miss Callaghan, who died in March 1948, had worked for the University for 24 years and has been Journalism Librarian for most of that time. After going to LSU to work in the comptroller's office, she became interested in journalism and earned her degree in it. She then went to Columbia University for a degree in Library Science and came back to LSU's School of Journalism as a specialist in two fields.

In expressing appreciation to the Reveille staff, President Harold W. Stoke said "I know all the friends of Miss Callaghan will feel that this is a most appropriate way by which the scholarship fund can be built." "It is hoped that alumni and friends of Miss Callaghan will enlarge the fund," said M. G. Osborn, Director of the school, "she was a rare and wonderful person."

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